

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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4. (New) A punch for producing holes in the wall of hollow parts subjected to the action of internal high pressure and accommodated in the mold of an internal high pressure forming tool, wherein the punch is designed to be pushed from the mold wall into the mold interior space, said punch comprising:

a first portion; and

a tapered portion having a cutting edge, wherein said tapered portion extends from said first portion to said cutting edge at an angle whereby, when said punch plunges into a part to be punch, a sealing surface between said part and said punch is formed.

5. (New) The punch as claimed in claim 4, wherein the punch, in its initial position, is arranged in the mold in such a way that the cutting edge is set back relative to an inner wall of the mold.

6. (New) The punch as claimed in claim 4, wherein the angle of taper is greater than 0° and is at most 30°.

7. (New) The punch as claimed in claim 5, wherein the angle of taper is greater than 0° and is at most 30° .

8. (New) The punch as claimed in claim 6 wherein the angle of taper at least 1° and at most 3° .

9. (New) The punch as claimed in claim 4, wherein the tapered portion is conically constructed whereby material in the region of walls of the punched hole is upset.